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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants submit herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

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Reinhart	4,717,615	January 5, 1988
Sander	4,759,969	July 26, 1988
Shaw et al.	5,877,895	March 2, 1999
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FOREIGN PATENT PUBLICATIONS

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Japan	JP 62-042179	July 31, 1986
Japan	JP 8-332450	December 17, 1996
Japan	JP 61-51399	March 13, 1986

The above-referenced documents are listed on Form PTO-1449. We have enclosed the cited foreign patent publications to facilitate reference to it. Pursuant to the PTO's waiver under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(i) (1276 OG 55), copies of the U.S. patent references are not being submitted herewith.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the payment of the Issue Fee, but before the mailing date of an Issue Notification. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c), Applicants make the following statement in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e):

The above-listed references were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Specifically, the above-listed references have been cited in a Japanese Examination Report issued by the Japanese Patent Office in a related Japanese Patent Application on June 3, 2008. Accordingly, a copy of the Examination Report is also enclosed.

Please also note that U.S. Patent No. 4,717,615 corresponds to JP 62-42179, U.S. Patent Nos. 6,664,747, 6,010,751 and 5,877,895 correspond to JP 8-332400 and U.S. Patent No. 4,759,999 corresponds to JP 61-051399.

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If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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